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MEMPHIS APPEAL

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 5, 1899

THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER RAILROAD

It is with great pleasure that we give place to the following dispatch:

DEARBORN, TENN., May 4, 1899.
The Commissioners of the State of Tennessee have today voted to issue bonds to the Mississippi River Railroad.

In this prompt revival of their adverse action of last week the Commissioners of the State of Tennessee have, we believe, consulted the general interests of the people they represent, and acceded to what will meet with their hearty approval.

Our readers will find a report of the condition of the weather at the principal cities and towns of the United States at the head of our river column. Hereafter it will form an attractive feature of that department of our paper.

The New Orleans *Planchette* names as President JEFFERSON DAVIS for President of the Southern People's Railroad, and the *Weekly (Miss.) Ozonian* suggests him for the Presidency of the University of Mississippi.

The Philadelphia *Press* of Saturday suggests that perhaps the Radical *Journal* can tell why recruiting for the regular army has been recommended so soon after the consolidation of regiments and the retracing of such gentlemen as Gen. GRANT. FORTNEY guesses that perhaps Cuba has something to do with it. We shall see.

CHIEF JUSTICE THOMPSON, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, has just decided in favor of the Democracy, that proof of naturalization and loss of the certificate are sufficient to secure registration. In accordance with this decision he has ordered that the petitioners in the case, who were prevented by Judge KEMP's judgment in November from voting at the Presidential election, be secured in duplicate certificates of naturalization under the act of this Court attested by the Prothonotary.

We are glad to learn that the several committees for the purpose of making arrangements for the Commercial Convention are meeting with the most encouraging success. Subscriptions to money already reach over \$5000, and the liberality of our citizens is not exhausted. This is as it should be. Beginning in this spirit, we think we may predict, what the people of the whole Union look forward to, one of the most successful commercial gatherings ever assembled in this country.

THE attention of persons abroad desirous of settling in the neighborhood of Memphis, is called to the advertisement of ROBERTS, THURMAN & CO., Real Estate Auctioneers. They will, during the present month, offer more than a million dollars' worth of land, most elegantly located for farming and gardening purposes. The operations of this firm are on an increasing scale, and embrace transactions of large amounts. The members are old residents, of great experience in the real estate business in this vicinity, and worthy the highest confidence. We commend them to strangers looking up locations, who may rely upon their statements.

GEN. LEE had an interview on Saturday last with Gen. Grant, when the conversation turned upon the condition of Virginia and her reconstruction. The great object is reported to have replied to President GRANT that he had nothing of advice or counsel to offer differing from that tendered by him in his letter to Gen. ROBERTSON, published in the *Appeal* of September 6, 1898. In that letter he said: "The great want of the South is peace. The people earnestly desire the tranquility and the restoration of the Union. They desire peace and excitement as the most serious obstacles to their prosperity. They ask a restoration of their rights under the constitution. They desire relief from oppressive misrule. Above all, they would appeal to their countrymen for the re-establishment in the Southern States of that which has justly been regarded as the birthright of every American—the right of self-government." If GRANT reconstructs on this basis he will do well and deserve well of his country. Will he dare to break entirely with Congress and try it?

REGISTERED VOTERS

of registered voters were cut down to 1647 votes, including negroes. And these are about the figures, we may be permitted to infer from the article of our contemporary, that the voting population of a county which it states has between twenty-five hundred and twenty-five hundred white voters, including the number entitled by reason of having voted at the elections in February and March, 1895, and the young men who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years since the close of the war, and who did not participate in that war. As the experience of Fayette so is that of Shelby county, Fayette, open-handed frauds have characterized every registration, except the recent. The testimony taken in the LUTHER-SMITH contested election, has we learn developed an amount of fraud as shameless as any ever perpetrated by a party. Poll-books, as in Fayette, have been mutilated and returned made totally at variance with the sworn reports of the judges and other officers of election. It will be shown when the testimony in this case shall be compiled that SMITH's title to a seat in the House of Representatives rests upon statements as baseless as day of the extravagances of Rulerism; that the poll-books were mutilated, false returns made, supplementary returns made and votes thrown out until the figures of LUTHER-SMITH were cut down and SMITH's enhanced to the required majority. In this sort of manipulation lies the advantage of Rulerism in Tennessee; and it would seem to be a worse than hopeless task to contend against it. Nevertheless, it is our duty to continue to fight manfully, in the hope that as constant dropping wears the stone, so our constant efforts will yet wear through the hardened surface of the most infamous of political parties.

WE hope the Democracy of the several wards and precincts will not fail to meet at their respective headquarters tomorrow night and select delegates for the Convention of Saturday next. It is all important to the success of the party, which will be the success of law and order, that good men and no others be sent to the Convention; men who have no fish to fry, and who are not likely to be manipulated by cliques or worked upon by persons having ulterior purposes in view. The interests of the whole community are at stake in this election: we must, therefore, have straight-forward dealing, one with another. The men to be elected must have the confidence of the people, come with tongues of good report and possess all the necessary qualifications for the offices to which they may be nominated. Judicial reform is demanded by the community as a necessity growing out of reported existing corruption. If the Democracy will but meet this demand with a well made up ticket, embracing men of the right stamp, there are all chances in one in favor of its election.

The charges and counter charges of corruption in office, made by the Radical leaders, has disposed many hundreds who have hitherto been lukewarm supporters of that party to look to us for the release of our Courts from Radical control. We have only to be true to our principles, to answer properly to the call of the community for judicial reform, and we will be successful. We hope that in this spirit and with such results, the Democracy of the State will labor persistently until after the day of election.

SPIRITUALISM has encountered the bench and the bar and come off triumphant. Two weeks ago, one MUMFORD, a spiritualist photographer, arrested in New York on a warrant issued at the instance of an expert detective, charged with imposition and extortion, inasmuch as he proposed to give, along with the photographs of his customers, shadowy likenesses of some of their deceased friends. That he succeeded in putting more than the sitting figures into his pictures, was successfully proven in course of the trial, which lasted several days and was the sensation of the time. All sorts of people were examined by the defense and the prosecution. Lawyers, bankers and cadaverous women, old bearded men dressed in the old clothes of their deceased friends, fat, well-to-do looking codgers like MUMFORD, who turn an honest 70 penny out of their connexions with the spiritualists, but they all told the same story of their supernatural visions, farsight and foresight, generally concluding with expressions of satisfaction with MUMFORD and his ghost-like operations. The prosecution pressed evidence and counter evidence, but failed to avail. Judge EDWARDS, a well known lawyer and jurist, who for years has occupied a front rank among the believers in this strange doctrine, just as Judge HUNTER, according to BARBARA LEWIS, is said to have testified in the most positive way that he held daily communication with the dead, could see and converse with them, and that he had no doubt MUMFORD's likenesses were correct portraits of the deceased disciples of his creed. This had the effect of a clinch on Judge EDWARDS, the examining Magistrate, who, as reported by telegraph yesterday, discharged the long haired and long-headed photographer, stating at the same time that the prosecutor had failed to make a case. Spiritualism and MUMFORD are ahead, make new converts from what is votaries the first will take a fresh start and have already begun to cast their second persecution, and the latter will be able to make plenty of money from the town and one curiosity hunters, who at \$10 a head will be gratified by him with a good picture and that of the ghost of a friend added. Great is Humberg, and New York is his abiding place.

THE Newark *Daily Journal* is our authority for the statement that the party is not only controlled in the interest of BORDS, Secretary of the Navy, but that President GRANT has made it his business to distribute copies of it among his friends, thereby manifesting his interest in its success.

RICHMOND, TENN. The tobacco factory of J. L. PULLEN & CO. was burned this morning. Loss \$20,000. Joseph Holmes (negro), a member of the late Constitutional Convention, was killed at Charlotte Courthouse yesterday. A person difficultly occurred between him and John Marshall, a son of Judge Marshall, of whose family the negro was formerly a body servant. Both parties drew pistols and commenced firing, which was immediately parried by Marshall's friends. After being shot, Holmes fell into the hands of the Courthouse and fell dead.

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Telegraph

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The new Commissioner of Patents has made several changes of Examiners, but retains Jas. F. Grinnell as Chief Examiner. The Commissioner is maturing plans to secure more uniformity with the working of the department.

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CAIRO.

Special dispatch from the Memphis Appeal: CAIRO, May 4.—Arrived: Louisville, Cincinnati to New Orleans 5 a.m.; Baker, New Orleans to Pittsburgh 7 a.m.; Silver Moon, Cincinnati to Memphis 9 a.m.; Belle St. Louis, St. Louis to Memphis 7 p.m.; Strader, Cincinnati to New Orleans 7 p.m.; Bismarck, St. Louis to New Orleans 9 p.m.

WEATHER AND RIVERS. River fell eleven inches. Weather clear during the day with indications of a storm this evening.

CAIRO, May 4.—Down—Louisville, 5 a.m.; Silver Moon, 8 a.m.; Belle St. Louis, 4 p.m.; Strader, 5 p.m.; Up—Baker, 7 a.m.

THE river is now 10 p.m. falling. All the upper streams are declining. Weather clear and very warm.

NEW ORLEANS, May 4.—Arrived—Richmond, Departed—Great R public, Alaska and Dexter.

LOUISVILLE, May 4.—The river is stationary, with 7 feet 6 inches in the canal.

DOWNE—Kilgour.

NASHVILLE. Nashville, May 4.—The Spring races opened today. The weather and track were fine, and the attendance large.

WARD'S RIDE, 1-1; Buford's Cigarette, 2-3; Thomas' Louisville, 5-2; Evans' cheat out, by Bill Cheatham, 4-4; Barnes' Darringer, 3-4. Time: 1:48-1:48.

INDIANAPOLIS. Indianapolis, May 4.—The municipal election here today resulted in the election of the entire Republican ticket by a vote of 500 majority, together with the majority of the City Council. In Lafayette the Democratic ticket was elected, and in Richmond and Columbus the Republicans elect their ticket.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET. New Orleans, May 4.—There is a slack demand for cotton, and high grades are unobtainable at all rates. Middling 20c, Sales 1000 bales; receipts 750 bales; stock 1000 bales.

NEW YORK MARKET. New York, May 4.—Cotton without decided change. Sales 1000 bales, including 100 bales in stock. Middling 20c, Sales 1000 bales; receipts 750 bales; stock 1000 bales.

OTTAWA, May 4.—In the House of Commons today Mr. Sney moved for the return of the license issued to American fishermen during the last year. He held that the treaty as to the three-mile limit applied to boats, and not to the banks, and that while not adopting a prohibitory policy, such a license should be issued to the American fishermen for the privilege of fishing in Canadian waters. Several members from the Maritime Provinces spoke in support of the motion, stating that a former policy should be adopted toward the States to meet the excellent and restrictive imposed on the Canadian trade.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

D. APPLETON & CO. Publishers, 90, 92 & 94 Grand St., N. Y. Commenced April 21.

APPLETON'S JOURNAL A WEEKLY PAPER.

DEVOTED TO LITERATURE, SCIENCE AND ART. It contains original news, and a variety of all resources original and selected, and is published weekly.

AMUSEMENTS. NEW MEMPHIS THEATER. Friday, Evening, May 6th.

MRS. O'DONOVAN (ROSSA). READINGS AND RECITATIONS.

NEW MEMPHIS THEATER. Wednesday Evening, May 3rd.

BRIGNOLE! THE PRINCE OF TENORS. NEW MEMPHIS THEATER.

ST. PETER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PIC-NIC. AT JAMES PARK.

THURSDAY, MAY 6TH. TICKETS FIFTY CENTS.

GREENLAW OPERA HOUSE. Wednesday, May 12th.

DECLINE, DECLINE. IN DRESS GOODS!

MENKEN BROTHERS. WILL OPEN Monday, May 3d, A LINE OF MOZAMBIQUES.

CHANGE OF FIRM.

OWING to the recent death of Mr. S. H. WILLIAMSON, the partnership heretofore existing under the style of WILLIAMSON, HILL & CO., is this day dissolved.

HILL, FONTAINE & CO., Late Williamson, Hill & Co., COTTON FACTORS, WHOLESALE GROCERS And Commission Merchants.

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AUCTION.

PUBLIC SALES. REAL ESTATE. IN THE CITY AND SUBURBS OF MEMPHIS.

Large Peremptory Sale of Lots in Port Pickering.

The Great Sale of Suburban Lots on the Memphis & Charleston Railroad.

FURNITURE, CROCKERY, ETC. AT AUCTION. BY W. H. FRANKLAND & CO.

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